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SUBJECT: PM LEE'S LATEST COMMENTS ON NEUTRALIZATION

THE GOS HAS RELEASED EXCERPTS FROM AN ADDRESS PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW GAVE ON AUGUST 4 TO THE COMMON-WEALTH PRIME MINISTERS' MEETING IN OTTAWA. THAT PART DEALING WITH NEUTRALIZATION WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ADDRESSEE POSTS. "THIS BIG POWER GAME IS ACUTE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. WE ARE TRAPPED IN THE SCHEMES OF THE GREAT POWERS. THERE ARE TWO ALTERNATIVES FOR US. ONE, TO CREATE A SHANGRI-LA IN OUR MINDS. THE ASEAN COUNTRIES, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND, HAVE ASKED, PLEASE, CAN WE HAVE NEUTRALIZATION? CAN WE HAVE A ZONE OF NEUTRALITY, GUARANTEED BY THE BIG POWERS? THE ONLY MAJOR POWER THAT HAS RESPONDED IN CHINA BUT IT IS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO GUARANTEE IT. THE OTHER TWO WHICH CAN GUARANTEE IT, THE SOVIET UNION AND AMERICA, HAVE NOT RESPONDED. SO WE ARE WHISTLING IN THE DARK, THROUGH THE CEMETERY OF INDO-UNCLASSIFIED

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CHINA. WE HAVE TO GUESS WHAT CHINA'S WILLINGNESS

TO GUARANTEE NEUTRALITY WILL BE WHEN IT HAS A BLUE
WATER FLEET THAT CAN POLICE THE STRAITS OF SOUTH-
EAST ASIA, THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN."
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